BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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EXPERIMENTAL PRESORTED PRIORITY MAIL RATE CATEGORIES, 2001

Docket No. MC2001-1

MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE CONCERNING SCHEDULING OF WITNESSES

(May 3, 2001)

On April 20, 2001, as a part of Ruling No. MC2001-1/3, the Presiding Officer established a procedural schedule in the above-captioned proceeding. That schedule includes, if necessary, hearings on May 16 and 17, 2001, for oral cross-examination of the Postal Service's three witnesses.

It has been the Postal Service's intention, at an appropriate time in advance of the filing of any notices of intent to conduct oral cross-examination, to move that all such cross-examination be schedule for the same date. The scope of this proceeding is relatively limited. To-date, written discovery has been relatively light. Considerations of economy and efficiency suggest that (a) every effort should be made to complete all oral cross-examination of the Postal Service's witnesses on one of the days set aside by the Commission and (b) there is not likely to be any impediment to the accomplishment of that objective.

This morning, the Postal Service became aware that one of its three Docket No.

MC2001-1 witnesses, Robert Kalenka (Senior Vice-President, ADP Financial

Information Services, Inc.), must attend to matters of importance to ADP in New York all day on Thursday, May 17th. Accordingly, in the event that there are hearings for the

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purpose of cross-examination of its witnesses, the Postal Service moves that those

hearings be scheduled for Wednesday, May 16th only.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice. I also hereby pay my respects to James Brown, the Godfather of Soul, on the occasion of his birthday.

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